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Applicants : Martin A. Cheever and Mary L. Disis
Application No. : 09/167,516
Confirmation No. : 1422
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For : COMPOUNDS FOR ELICITING OR ENHANCING IMMUNE
REACTIVITY TO HER-2/*neu* PROTEIN FOR PREVENTION OR
TREATMENT OF MALIGNANCIES IN WHICH THE HER-2/*neu*
ONCOGENE IS ASSOCIATED

Examiner : Karen A. Canella, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1642
Docket No. : 920010.448C8

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner:

I, Martin A. Cheever, hereby declare as follows:

1. Mary L. Disis and I are coinventors of the subject matter described in the above-identified patent application (hereinafter referred to as "subject application").

2. I hold an M.D. and was employed at the time the subject application was filed by the University of Washington where I held the position of Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology. I am presently employed by Corixa Corporation of Seattle, Washington.

3. I have been involved in immunology for over 25 years and I have authored or coauthored about 100 publications in this field. My research specialty is immunology related to cancer.

4. I am a co-author of the article appended hereto: Foy et al., Vaccine 19:2598-2606, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "the article").

5. Figure 1 at page 2600 of the article shows that vaccination of mice with a plasmid expressing ICD polypeptide (intracellular domain of HER-2/neu protein) is effective to prevent growth of HER-2/neu tumor.


6. The results shown in Figure 1 of the article necessarily mean that sufficient polypeptide is expressed by the plasmid DNA encoding ICD polypeptide to generate an efficacious immune response.

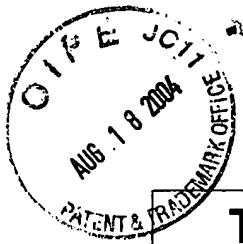
7. The sentence beginning at the end of page 2603 and completed at the top of page 2605 of the article states: "Taken together, these data provide strong evidence to suggest that protective immunity to Her-2/neu can be elicited by vaccination, demonstrating its utility as a cancer vaccine target."

8. Thus, the results presented in the article confirm the teachings of the subject application that administration to a warm-blooded animal of DNA or plasmid expressing ICD polypeptide of HER-2/neu protein achieves transient expression to the extent necessary to generate an efficacious immune response.

9. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

Dated this 3 / day of July, 2004.


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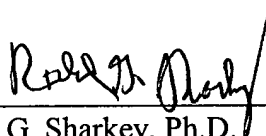
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Commissioner:

Further to the Reply and Amendment submitted on July 27, 2004, please find enclosed the Declaration executed by inventor Martin A. Cheever under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

Respectfully submitted.

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Enclosure:

Declaration of Martin A. Cheever under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132